

Special Education

Focusing on Developing Essential Academic, Social, and Life Skills



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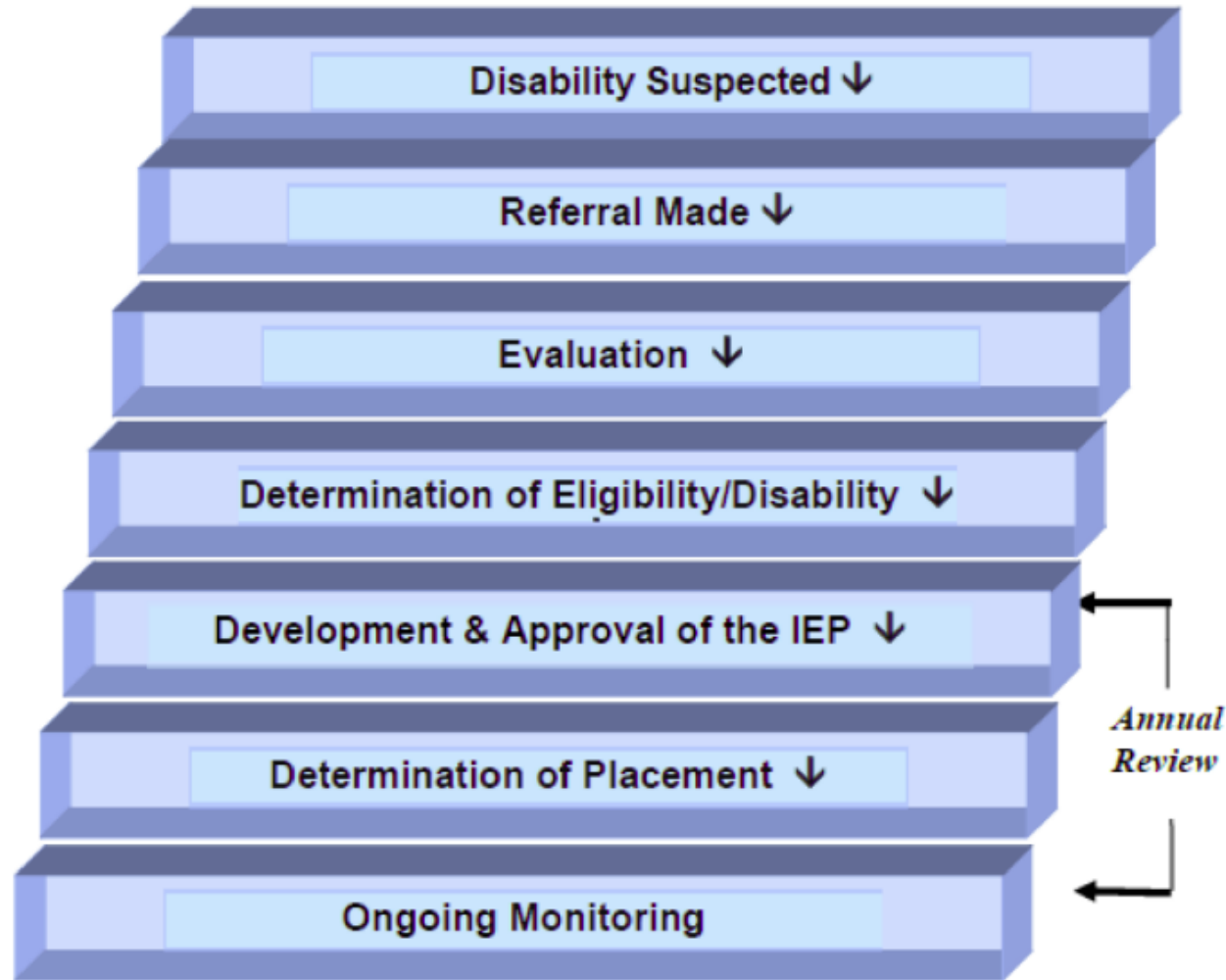
What is Special Education?

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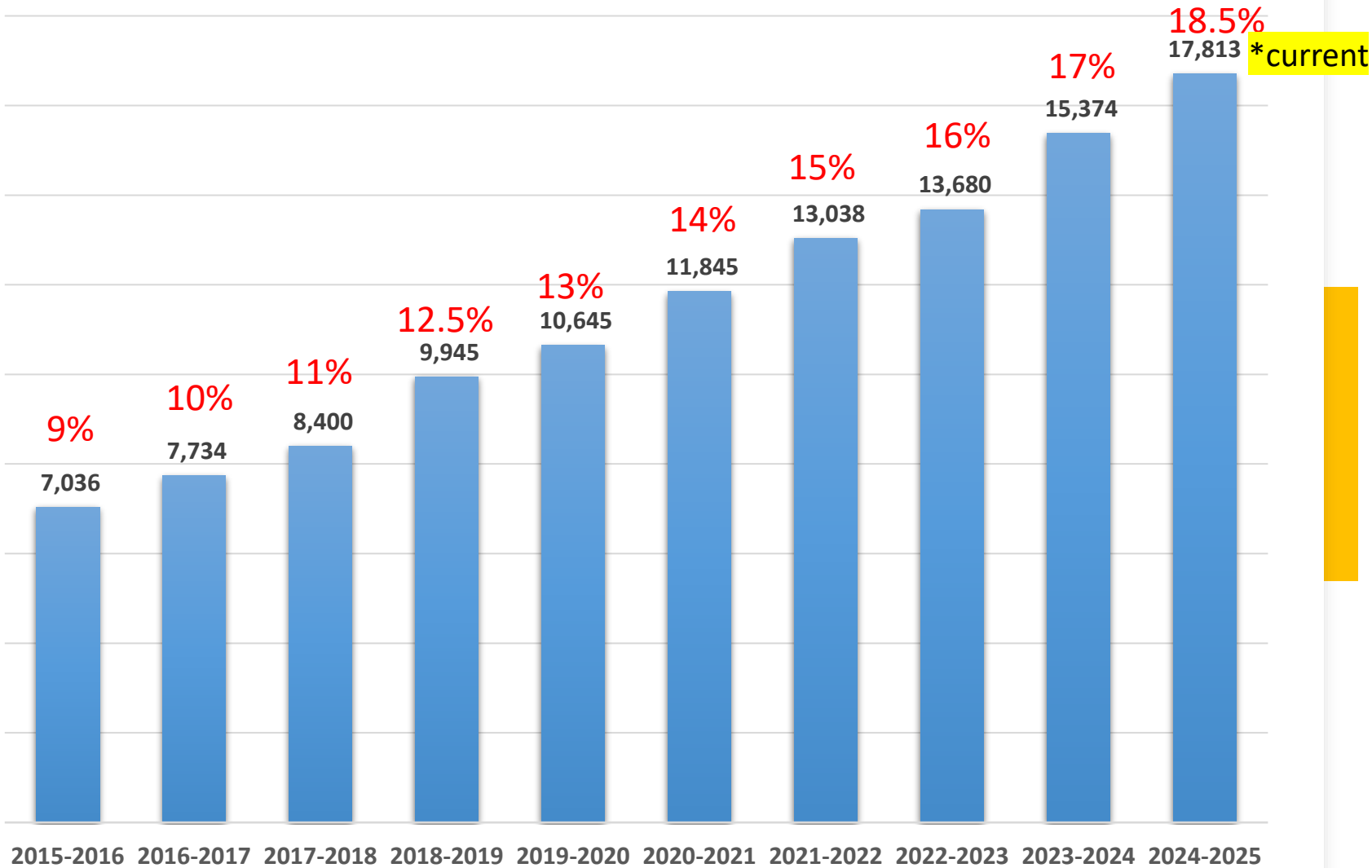
- a mandate under state and federal law;
- specially designed instruction that addresses the unique needs of eligible students;
- prescribes how schools locate, evaluate, identify, and program for students with disabilities; and
- requires school districts provide students with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).



Special Education Process



Special Education In Katy ISD



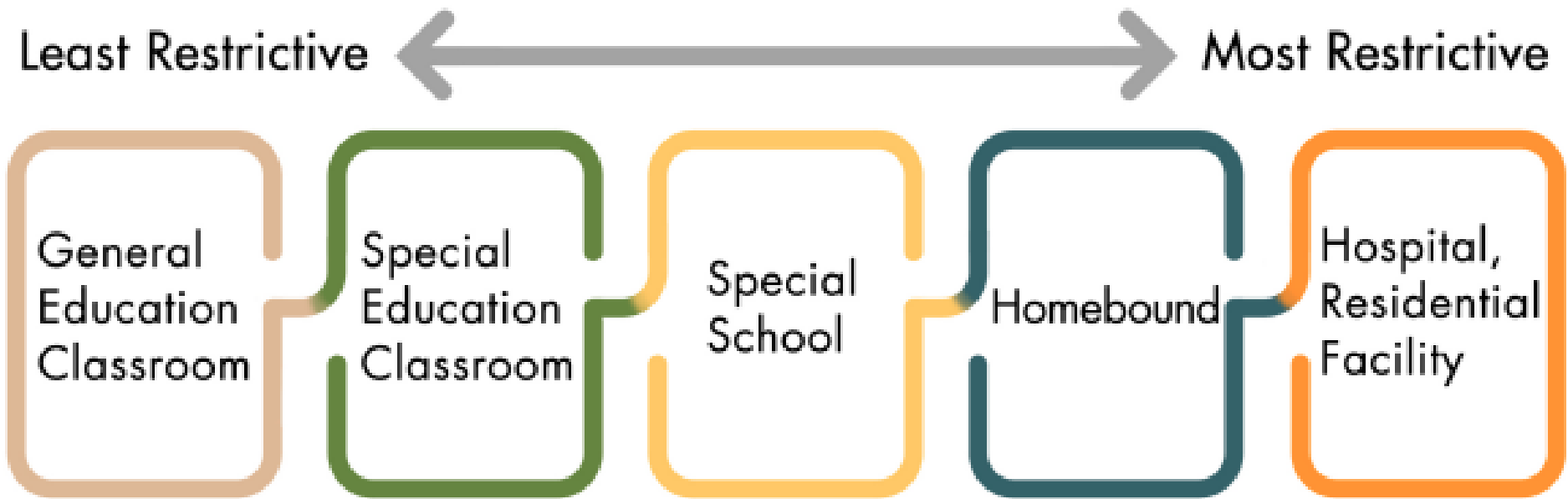
Increasing Enrollment in Special Education

Special Education Supports & Programs



Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

Placement Continuum



Supplementary Aids & Services

Aids, services, and other supports that are provided in regular education classes, other education-related settings, and in extracurricular and nonacademic settings, to enable children with disabilities to be educated with nondisabled children to the maximum extent appropriate.



ACCOMMODATIONS VS. MODIFICATIONS

A change to **how** the child will learn the **same content** as their peers. This allows them to meet the same expectations.

How child learns

- Dyslexic student might listen to audiobooks or videos, instead of reading books
- Using assistive technology in class
- Extra time to complete tests and assignments
- Take frequent breaks
- Have a designated reader - someone who reads test questions aloud to students
- Record a lesson, instead of taking notes

A change to **what** the child will **learn** and changes to the curriculum they're learning.

What child learns

- Learn different material
- Be excused from particular projects
- Get graded or assessed using a different standard than other students
- Write shorter essays/papers
- Create alternative projects or assignments
- Complete fewer homework problems than peers

MODIFICATIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

What's the Difference?



Academic Continuum

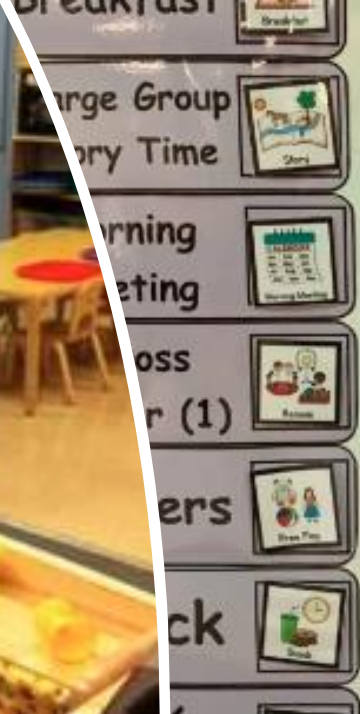
General Education with ACCOMMODATIONS
General Education with MODIFICATIONS
General Education with RESOURCE TIME

General
Education
Classroom

ECSE (EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION)
Structured LIFE (LEARNING IN A FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT)
Structured CAP (CHILDREN WITH AUTISM PROGRAM)

Specialized
Program
Classroom

ECSE
Early Childhood
Special
Education



Structured LIFE Skills



Structured CAP



Behavioral Continuum

General Education with POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS
General Education with BEHAVIOR GOALS
General Education with BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PLAN

General
Education
Classroom

ASIP (AUTISM SUPPORT & INCLUSION PROGRAM)

RISE (RETEACH, INSPIRE, SUPPORT, ENGAGE)

AB (ADAPTED BEHAVIOR) - ELEMENTARY

BTP (BEHAVIOR TRANSITION PROGRAM) SECONDARY

Specialized
Program
Classroom

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ASIP - Autism Inclusion and Support Program





RISE —
 Reteach, Inspire,
 Support, Engage





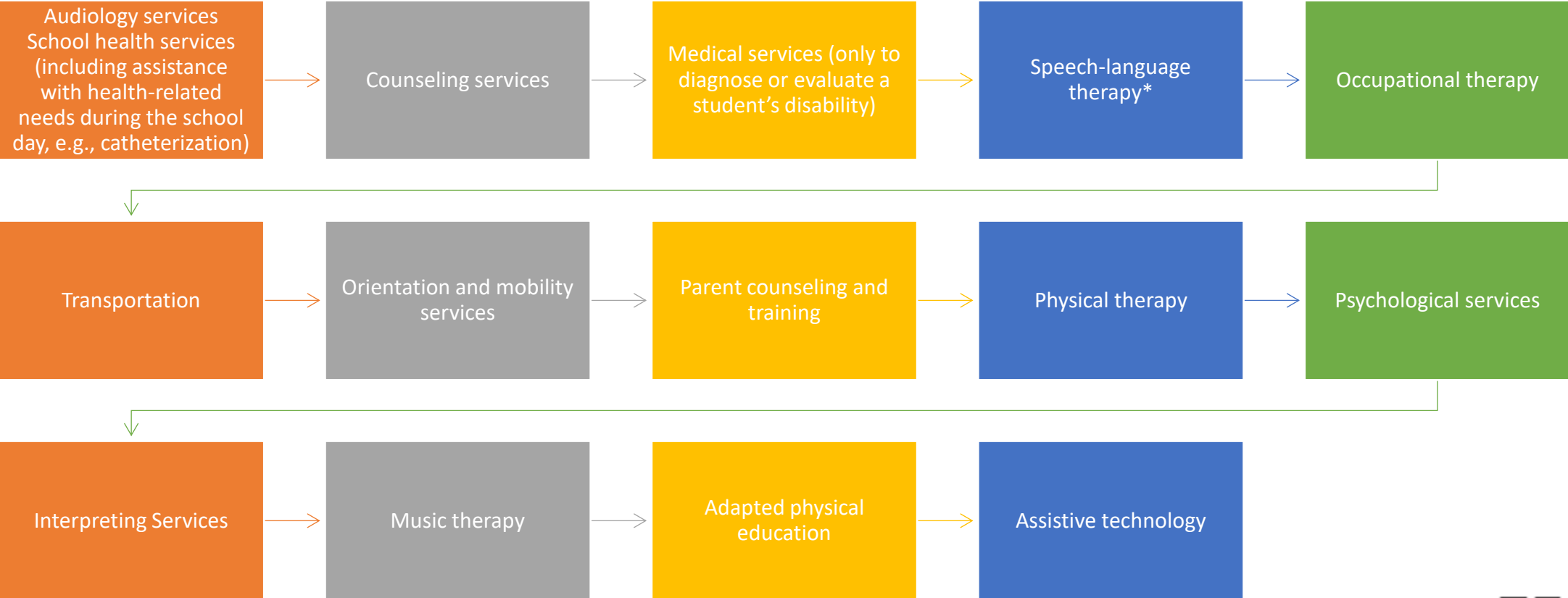
AB Adapted Behavior Program



BTP – Behavior Transition Program



Related Services



Further Specialized Supports and Services

- Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD)
- ECI/ Project TYKE
- Homebound
- Non-public day schools
- 18+ Programming



Questions?